



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the arts enrich all Americans, affecting every aspect of life from economic vitality to creative problem-solving, job creation and tourism, education and creating healthy and dynamic communities; and

WHEREAS, the month of October has been designated as National Arts and Humanities Month at the federal level; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey ranks among the top five in the nation for state support of the arts, and awards more than 700 grants through the New Jersey State Council on the Arts to recipients in all 21 counties, leveraging more than \$500 million each year in economic activity; and

WHEREAS, every nickel of tourist taxes supports more than one dollar of direct spending in New Jersey's private economy by local arts organizations and their patrons; and

WHEREAS, hundreds of non-profit arts organizations in all corners of New Jersey promote participation in the arts through Discover Jersey Arts, a collaborative public awareness campaign that significantly contributes to the revitalization of towns and cities throughout the state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Philip D. Murphy, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim:

OCTOBER 2018
AS
DISCOVER JERSEY ARTS MONTH

in New Jersey and encourage all residents of this great State to take advantage of the cultural riches New Jersey has to offer.



GIVEN, under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of New Jersey, this fourth day of September in the year two thousand eighteen, the two hundred forty-third year of the Independence of the United States.

Shirley J. Nemer
Lt. GOVERNOR

Philip D. Murphy
GOVERNOR